Energy Efficiency in Massachusetts

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Overview

- The Department has an extensive and successful track record in requiring our electric and gas utilities to provide energy efficiency programs to their customers.
- Electric companies have spent approximately \$2 billion, achieving approximately 650 MW of reduction in demand
- Gas companies have spent approximately \$250 million, achieving approximately 60 million therms of savings (cumulative)

Electric Industry

- Prior to restructuring of the electric industry, the DTE had full jurisdiction over electric companies' energy efficiency activities
 - Total budget
 - Allocation of budget to customer classes
 - Program design
 - Cost-effectiveness

Electric Industry (cont.)

- The Electric Restructuring Act (1997)
 - established annual per KWH energy efficiency charges (and thus, annual budgets);
 - provided guidance on how the budget is to be allocated among customer classes, and
 - divided jurisdiction between the DTE and DOER
 - → DOER oversees program design
 - → DTE oversees cost-effectiveness

Electric Industry (cont.)

- In principle, competitive generation suppliers should provide energy efficiency services to customers, as part of bundled package
 - This has yet to develop, possibly because of the early stages of the restructured industry
- Competitive market developing nicely for larger customers
- Less success for smaller customers, particularly residential

Electric Industry (cont.)

- Municipal Aggregation Opportunities
 - Municipal aggregators have opportunity to gain access to ratepayer energy efficiency funds
 - Currently, Cape Light Compact is the state's only municipal aggregator
 - ◆ they implement energy efficiency programs on the Cape

Electric Industry (cont.)

- Future of ratepayer funded programs
 - For larger customers, perhaps competitive market can complement, then replace, utility-provided programs
 - For smaller customers, utility-provided programs likely to continue
- Continued investment in energy efficiency is crucial to success of restructured industry
 - Particularly in transmission constrained areas
 - Potential role in development of demand response capabilities, as will be discussed later today

Gas Industry

- The DTE continues to have full jurisdiction over gas companies' energy efficiency activities
 - Total budget
 - Allocation of budget to customer classes
 - Program design
 - Cost-effectiveness
- Currently, companies spend approximately \$23 million annually
 - ◆ Keyspan \$ 12 million
 - ◆ Bay State \$ 6 million
 - Nstar Gas \$ 4 million

Gas Industry (cont.)

- Residential Energy Efficiency Services
 - Installation of high efficiency heating equipment
 - Home weatherization for low income customers
 - Energy Star
- C&I Energy Efficiency Services
 - Energy audit and engineering services
 - Standard rebates for installation of weatherization and HVAC measures
 - Custom rebates for installation of more sophisticated systems and controls

Gas Industry (cont.)

- In setting budgets and priorities, DTE balances between pursuing cost effective opportunities and minimizing bill impacts
- Continued emphasis on lost opportunity and market transformation programs



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